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SUBJECT: T.Q. FUNDING FOR JORDAN: UNRWA AND BUDGET SUPPORT

PAYMENT QUESTIONS

REF: AMMAN 4602

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN (WHO IS ALSO REGENT DURING KING HUSSEIN'S SEPT 5-15 ABSENCE) ON EVENING SEPT 7 PASSED MESSAGE TO EMBASSY AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MY EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER BADRAN (REFTEL).

2. CROWN PRINCE RE-AFFIRMED GOJ OPPOSITION TO FUNDING UNRWA FROM JORDAN T.Q. FUNDS. CROWN PRINCE MADE POINT THAT TAKING ANY AMOUNT OF UNRWA FUNDS FROM A COUNTRY ALLOCATION SUCH AS JORDAN'S WOULD SET AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT, AND THE SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY WITH GOJ BECAUSE OF ITS RAMIFICATION.

3. CROWN PRINCE ALSO MADE POINT THAT JORDANIAN BUDGET IS SORELTYRESSED AND IN NO POSITION TO FUND WHAT GOJ CONSIDERS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

4. CROWN PRINCE ALSO INDICATED THAT GOJ IS IN NEED OF T.Q. BUDGET SUPPORT PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE MADE A SPECIAL REQUEST THAT I ASK WASHINGTON WHEN INITIAL PAYMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

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5. CROWN PRINCE HAS ASKED TO SEE ME MORNING OF

SEPTEMBER # ON ABOVE SUBJECTS, AND IMPLIED HE WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE SOME MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION ON
UNRWA FUNDING ISSUES AND DATES OF T.Q. BUDGET
SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

6. I REALIZE THESE MATTERS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION
IN WASHINGTON AND MAY NOT BE RESOLVED BY TIME OF
AUDIENCE. IF NOT, I PLAN TO TELL CROWN PRINCE THAT
I HAVE REPORTED HIS VIEWS TO WASHINGTON ON UNRWA
AND ASKED THAT THEY BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.
I EXPECT TO HAVE SOMETHING MORE DEFINITE FOR GOJ
ON ISSUE SHORTLY. ON BUDGET SUPPORT PAYMENT,
I WILL TELL HIM THAT, DUE TO 15-DAY CONGRESSIONAL NOTI-
FICATION REQUIREMENT PLUS PENDING CONSIDERATION OF
UNRWA AND SPRINKLER SYSTEM AID PROJECT, CHECK MAY NOT
BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.

7. STATE 221246 ANNOUNCING U.S. PLEDGE FOR CALENDAR
YEAR JUST RECEIVED HERE. IN REPLY, WE REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT
IN AMMAN 4633 IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO ASSURE GOJ THAT
NO RPT NO MONEY IN U.S. UNRWA PLEDGE WILL COME FROM
JORDANIAN PROGRAM. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
SUDDARTH

NOTE BY OCT: # OMISSION PARA 5, CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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